

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program

Grants to support essential services related to emergency shelter and street outreach, emergency shelter operation and renovation, short-term and medium-term rental assistance for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, housing relocation and stabilization services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and homeless management information systems (HMIS).

Nature of Program: Provides grants by formula to States, metropolitan cities, urban counties and U.S. territories for eligible activities, which generally including essential services related to emergency shelter and street outreach, rehabilitation and conversion of buildings to be used as emergency shelters, operation of emergency shelters, short-term and medium-term rental assistance for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, housing relocation and stabilization services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and HMIS.

Applicant Eligibility: States (including Puerto Rico), metropolitan cities (including District of Columbia), urban counties, and U.S. territories are eligible. Metropolitan cities and urban counties are eligible if, after applying the formula, their allocation is greater than 0.05 percent of the funds appropriated.

Funding Distribution: After setting aside a small amount for allocation to the territories, HUD allocates the fiscal year appropriation for ESG to states, metropolitan cities and urban counties in accordance with the percentage of CDBG funding each jurisdiction was allocated for the previous fiscal year. However, where the ESG allocation for a metropolitan city or urban county would be less than .5 percent of the total fiscal year appropriation for ESG, HUD adds that jurisdiction's allocation to the allocation for the State in which the jurisdiction is located.

Legal Authority: Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371-11378). Regulations are at 24 CFR part 576.

Administering Office: Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) in the Office of Community Planning and Development, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

Information Sources: Administering office and local HUD field offices.

On the Web:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/homeless/programs/esg

Current Status: Active.